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# Victorian Store (Talbot County Historical Society)

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Victorian Store 25 South Washington Street Easton, Maryland 21601

Now a part of the Talbot County Historical Society complex of historic buildings, this small brick Victorian store has survived into this century with relatively few changes. It is two stories high and two bays wide with a central entrance and plate glass windows. The flat roof is finished with a simple pierced work wooden cornice. The structure will be remodeled into offices and museum space.

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building stands on the west side of South Washington Street; it faces east. It is one of the four buildings owned by Talbot County Historical Society. It adjoins the gardens on the south; there is a city parking lot at the north side.

This two-story brick building is three bays wide. It is thirty-five feet deep; there are no windows or divisions on the sidewalls. The brick is laid in common bond on the front facade.

Second floor window openings, evenly spaced, have segmental arches of stretchers. The wooden sills project slightly from the brick facade. One over one sashes are held in place with frames trimmed with narrow half round moldings.

The molded cornice is supported by four fluted wooden brackets placed between the window openings.

The store front has a recessed central entrance, flanked by large plate-glass windows. The double entrance doors have tall, narrow glass panels in the upper tier and molded wooden panels below. There is a clear glass transome light. Windows have two large panes in the upper portion and three small panes just above the sidewalk level. There is a cornice above the store front; it is enriched with closely-spaced ornamental brackets of wood.

The south side wall of this building has been incorporated into the design of the Historical Society garden terrace. At the rear of this building is a four bay-deep addition covered with a gable roof; its board and batten siding is painted green. The former main entrance of the Talbot County Court House, installed in 1898 and removed in the 1851 remodeling, has been reconstructed in the central bay of the west facade of the shed. The entrance is of neo-classical design with a pediment supported by consoles decorated with foliated ornament. The door jambs are paneled; there is a fan-shaped transom light and double doors with three raised and beveled panels trimmed with ogee moldings. The entrance is reached by a flight of low steps.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. It has been acquired by the Historical Society of Talbot County, Incorporated for use as a museum and office space. It will be preserved as an example of a simple Victorian store which has been altered very little since it was constructed, probably C1880.

L368/F498	This parcel of land faces 24 feet 9 inches on Washington
	Street and adjoins on the south the property formerly belonging
	to Dr. A. Mc. Stevens, now the headquarters of the Talbot
	County Historical Society. It was deeded to the Historical
	Society in 1961 by Lucy K. Miller and her husband, and Mrs.
L366/F99	Doris Rend. They purchased it through William Reddie, attorney,
L /F96 L /F224	from Elfreda Claire Sammons who had owned it since 1945.
La /F224	This was a leasehold property. Robins Chamberlaine had
·	inherited this lot, No. 117 as laid out by the Town Commissioners
	in 1789, and he sold the land in fee simple to Owen Kennard in
	1798 who then conveged the title, in fee simple, to Nicholas
	Hammond. The title to the land remained with the Hammond
	heirs. However, in 1795 Robins Chamberlaine leased the land,
L30/F497	subject to a ground rent, to Samuel Edmondson, for a term of
	99 years, subject to renewal as long as the ground rent was
L38/F354	paid. In 1802, Tristram Needles bought half of this leasehold,
	the 24 3/4 feet facing on Washington Street. At the time of
	his death, in 1812, the property and dwelling was rented to
	James Rue Tristram Needles' son Edward, sold the leasehold
<b>v</b>	property in 1816 for \$475.00 to John S. Higgins and his executor.
	Solomon Mullikin, turned the land and dwelling over to David
ting / /mand	Hall and his wife Clara in 1841. By 1892, Clara Hall, now a
L116/F378	widow, was in arrears on her ground rent, and the land then
	went to the Hammond heirs. They sold it to Thomas C. Nicols
	and his brother Henry in 1894 for \$400.00. Thomas Nicols was
	a hardware merchant and used the front brick portion of the
L264/F224	building for his store and the rear frame portion for a store
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### 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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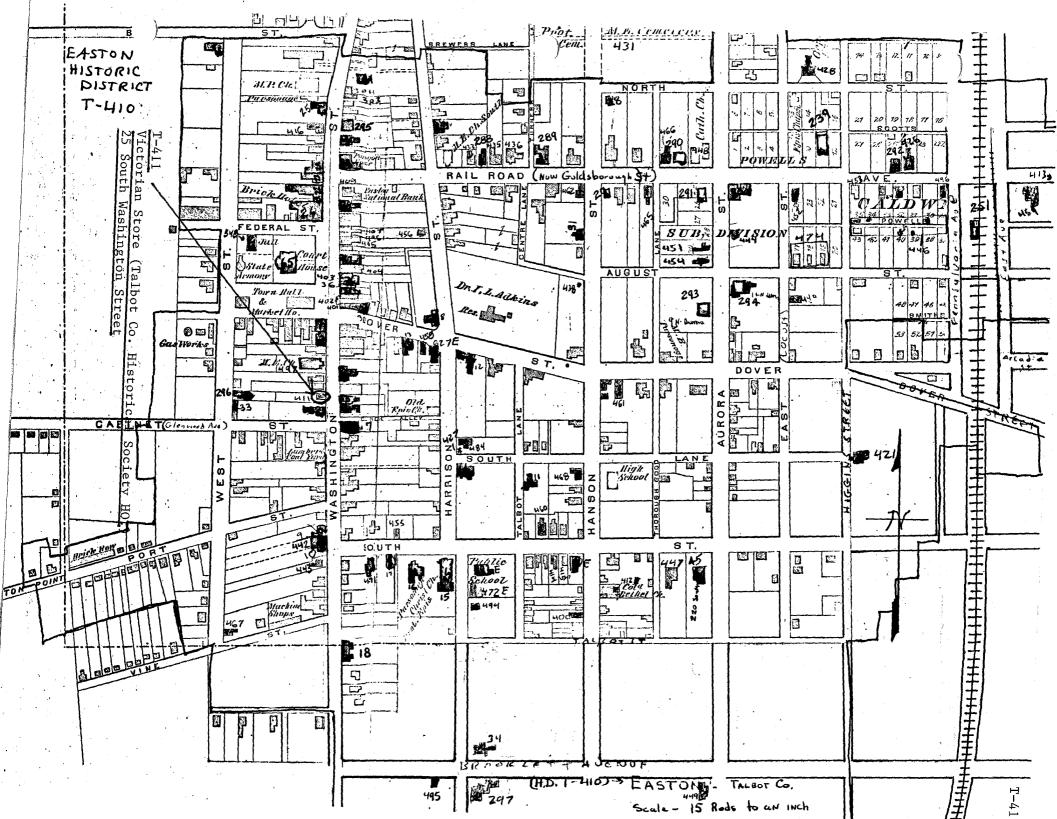
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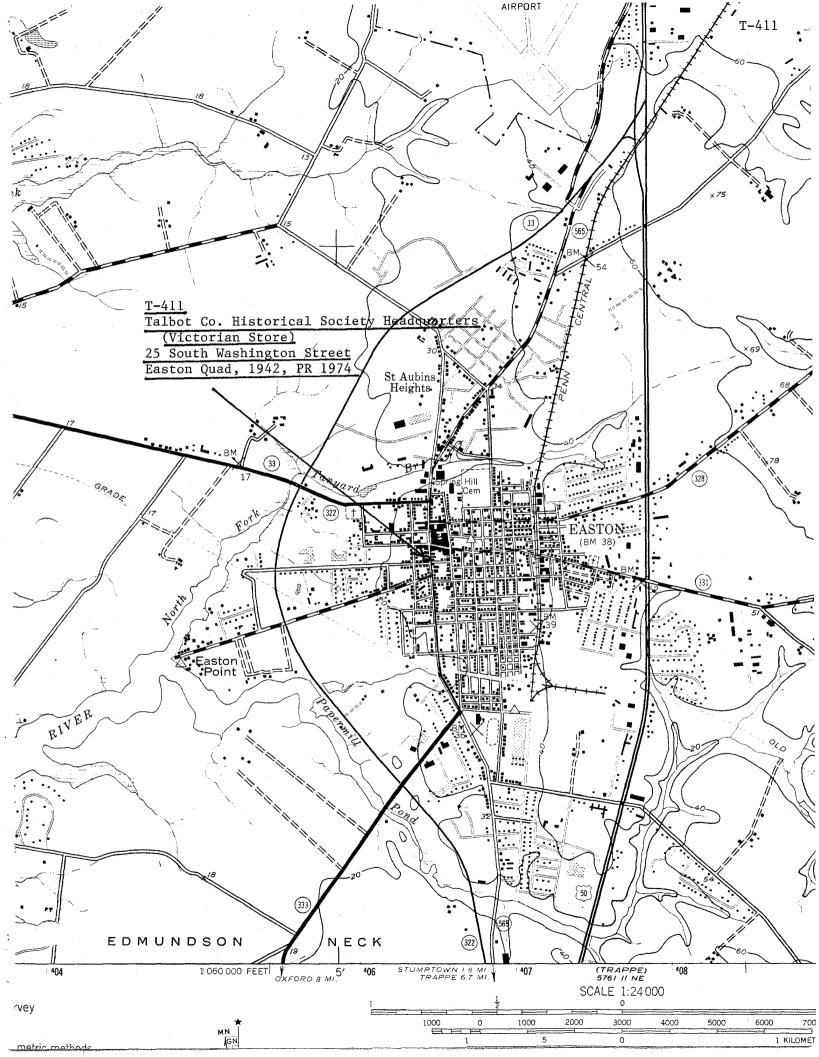
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